

Sex-Based Discrimination

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Required Course Materials

The required text is KATHARINE T. BARTLETT, DEBORAH L. RHODE & JOANNA L. GROSSMAN, *GENDER AND THE LAW: THEORY, DOCTRINE, COMMENTARY* (6th ed. 2013), available at the bookstore or [here](#).

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First Assignment

The first class will be on Thursday, Jan. 15th. Please read pp. 1-22 before that class meeting.

Points for Discussion:

- (1) When reading the cases, try to identify the source of the discriminatory practice, the beliefs (true or not) about women that were thought to justify it, the ways in which the discrimination was thought to benefit women, and the harms it might have caused.
- (2) After reading the cases, focus on Problems 1-1 and 1-2 on p. 8. Use the same kind of arguments advanced in the early cases (*Muller*, *Goesart*, *Bradwell*, *U.S. v. Anthony*) to justify the restriction on women's competition wrestling.
- (3) Make a list of issues addressed in the Declaration of Sentiments on pp. 13-14. Does it include the same topics a women's rights organization might list today? Which ones would no longer make the list? Which new topics might appear on a modern list?